Pr'ythee, fair youth, Think us no churls ; nor measure our good minds By this rude place we live in. Well encounter'd ! Tis almost night : you shall have better cheer Ere you depart ; and thanks, to stay and eat it. — Boys, bid him welcome.

GUI. Were you a woman, youth,
I should woo hard, but be your groom. — In honesty, *I* bid for you, as I'd buy [1].

ARV. Ill make't my comfort,
He is a man ; 111 love him as my brother : — And such a welcome as I'd give to him, After long absence, such as yours: — Most welcome ! Be sprightly, for you fall 'raongst friends,

hid. 'Mongst friends !
If brothers ? — Would it had been so, that '
they Had been my father's sons ! then had my i *. ,
prize ^ *Sl*
*e**
Been less ; and so more equal ballasting[2] To thee, Posthumus.

Again, In King Richard III.:

** But first, 111 turn yon fellow *in* his grave."

STEEVENS. [1] I should woo hard, but be your groom.—In honesty I hid for you, as I'd buy.] The old copy reads—as *I do* buy. The correction was made by Sir T. Hanmer. He reads unnecessarily, *I'd* bid for you, &c. In the folio the line is thus pointed : <e I should woo hard, but be your groom in honesty: <e I bid for you/' &c. MALONE.

1 think this passage might be better read thus :

fc I should woo hard, but be your groom.—In honesty, " I bid for you, as I'd buy."

That is, I should woo hard, but *I would be* your *bridegroom.* [And,when I say that I should *woo hard,* be assured that] in honesty I bid for you, *only at the rate at which* I would purchase you.

TYRWHITT.

2----------_ then had my PRIZE
Been less and so more equal BALLASTING —] Sir T. Hanmer reads plausibly, but without necessity, *price* for *prize,* and *balancing* for *ballasting.* He is followed by Dr. Warburton. The